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PHOTOS BY JON GARDNER

The fireworks display lit the night skies at Buddy Attick Park last Monday. See more photos on page 12.

## Greenbelt's a Three-Time MML Winner with City's GAIL Project

by Virginia Beauchamp

Greenbelt grabbed a moment in the spotlight at the recent convention in Ocean City of the Maryland Municipal League (MML). For the third time in recent years Greenbelt won an MML Award for Excellence in the category of large cities for a creative program that could well become a model for any city with similar concerns. All three awards were featured at a special booth in the exhibit hall to showcase the city.

This year the award highlighted the Greenbelt Assistance in Living program (GAIL), which enables senior residents and those with handicaps to continue to remain in their homes. The program was developed out of research conducted by a volunteer study group, the Assisted Living Task Force. It had been created in response to a request by the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee. The research project was funded by a grant from the NORC Supportive Service Center in New York City.

The GAIL program, which began in 2001, helps local seniors access available resources. It also has developed new resources to help senior citizens age in place. Director of the program is Community Resource Advocate Christal Parker Batey, who had gathered a collection of pictures for the city exhibit to illustrate various activities carried out within the program.

The program offers direct service to 375 Greenbelters according to an article in Municipal Maryland, the MML publication. Indirectly the program serves over 15,000 residents, caregivers and their families.

Besides personal referrals, the GAIL program offers a brown bag food program through the Capital Area Food Bank, free mental health assessment and counseling, community nursing services in conjunction with Bowie State University and a senior suicide awareness campaign and depression screening.

### PetExpo

Last year the MML Award for Excellence honored an entirely different Greenbelt program, the first of what seems likely to become an annual city event, the Pet Expo. This project was created in 2001 by the city's Animal Control Program under the direction of Suzie Hall and in conjunction with the Greenbelt Dog Park Association and the GHI Pet Subcommittee. Its purpose was to provide animal owners with outreach education about their pets.

Interested groups – over 30 businesses and organizations – were invited at no cost to set up exhibits offering information, demonstrating their services and showcasing pet-related merchandise. Events like dog races and dancing dogs and a moon bounce for children enlivened the activities. Lecturers provided useful information.

According to the city's description in Municipal Maryland, there was almost no cost to the city beyond set-up and staffing for this fun and informational event.

### Street Sweeper

The first of the city's special

recognitions from MML, awarded in 2001, was actually shared with the three other municipalities that jointly make up the Four Cities Coalition – Berwyn Heights, College Park, Greenbelt and New Carrollton. The award was for their cooperative purchase and operation of a street sweeper.

Jointly they were able to purchase a heavy machine for about \$100,000 that each city individually would not have been able to afford. Cheaper machines, it had been determined, were not adequate to carry out the work that needed to be done.

The directors of public works for the four cities were able to work out a schedule for operating the vehicle and sharing maintenance costs, although one city assumed responsibility for maintenance in order to preserve continuity.

According to the MML recognition, a further value of this cooperative purchase was that the staffs of the four cities involved had developed closer lines of communication on other programs as well to solve problems of their individual cities and fulfill their needs.

## What Goes On

### Saturday, July 9

**9 a.m. to noon,** Donation Dropoff, Parking Lot between City Office and the Community Center

**9 a.m. to 2 p.m. only** – Registration for Children's Swimming Lessons, Aquatic and Fitness Center, Passholders and Residents only.

**Sunday, July 10 and Monday, July 11** – Open Registration for Children's Swimming Lessons.

### Monday, July 11

**7 p.m.,** Recycling and Environment Committee Meeting, Community Center

**8 p.m.,** Regular City Council Meeting, Municipal Building (Live on Channel 71)

### Wednesday, July 13

**8 p.m.,** Council Worksession, Capital Projects/Travel Reimbursement Policy, Community Center

### Thursday, July 14

**7:30 p.m.,** GHI Board Meeting, GHI Board Room

## Council Considers Election Sign Placement Distances

by James Giese

How far away from the polling places can candidates put their signs? The Greenbelt Board of Elections thought that the current restriction of 300 feet from the building entrance was too far away and recommended a change in the city ordinance. Placing the signs a football field distant from the entrance to a polling place is so restrictive that they are useless. Without election signs and candidate poll workers some people feel that elections are not being well advertised. Apparently turnout has declined since the 300 foot rule was adopted.

Greenbelt City Clerk Kathleen Gallagher asked the city council for direction at the end of a worksession held on June 22. An ordinance would need to be introduced at the July 11 regular meeting and adopted at the August regular meeting in order for a change in this voting regulation to take place before the next election campaign season is to begin.

Staff put forth a novel idea that if all candidates posted just

their signs together without poll workers, that would not be electioneering but simply informational. The members of council did not discuss that idea but instead went back and forth over whether or not to set a new distance limit of 100, 125 or 150 feet.

### Consensus

Mayor Judith Davis sought council consensus for 150 feet. She did not get it. The 150 foot limit would enable voters to park in polling place parking lots in back of any signs and "not be hit with people knocking you over the head with 'vote for,' 'vote for,'" she contended.

At first Councilmember Leta Mach agreed with Davis. "I can see why 300 feet is impractical. I'm okay with 150 feet." But she later clarified her comment. She was also very happy to leave the 300 foot distance as is, but might compromise at 150 feet.

Councilmember Edward

See **ELECTIONS**, page 5

## Melodious Festival of Song Will Have Appeal for All Ages

by Eileen Peterson

The fifth annual Festival of the Song will be held on Saturday, July 16 from 10:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. in Roosevelt Center. The festival will showcase 10 regional music acts on an outdoor stage and later move inside the café.

### Family Fun

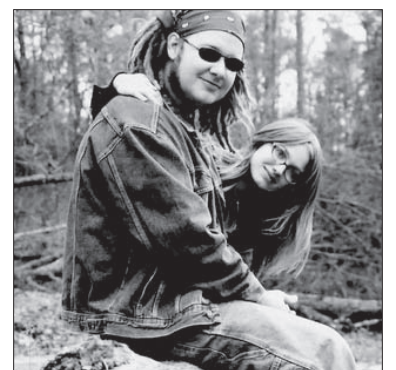
From 10:30 a.m. until noon, there will be songs, stories and a sing-along for children and parents, featuring music by Rick and Audrey, Takoma Park New Folk, Doug Way's country songs and Joe Thompson's humorous stories. Although geared toward children, this segment of the free daylong festival also has adult appeal.

### Songwriters All

From 1 until 8:30 p.m., singers-songwriters from as near as Baltimore and Frederick and as far as Richmond, Va., and Asheville, N.C., will mount the outdoor stage (in case of prolonged rain, performances will move into the New Deal Café.) After 8:30 p.m., musicians will play inside the café until 11 p.m.

Some are newcomers to Greenbelt's music festivals. "We're About 9" is a Baltimore trio blending acoustic guitar-backed harmonies with "pop, blues and coffeehouse rock."

Chelsea Kerwath (named after Joni Mitchell's "Chelsea Morning") designs the album art for her and Beau Powell's duo, who will bring an "eclectic blend of folk, rock, pop, blues, reggae, funk and Motown." They also sign a few covers.



**Chelsea (Kerwath) and Beau (Powell) will travel from Richmond, Va., to Greenbelt's Festival of the Song to sing and play on Saturday, July 16.**

Brianna Lane of North Carolina brings Indie music to Greenbelt and Sil Smith brings humorous storytelling from Annapolis.

### Blues and Love

Blues and roots songwriter Ian Morrison comes from Frederick, Md., as does longtime visitor to the New Deal Café Doug Alan Wilcox, whose "warm-voiced folk/pop" is reminiscent of James Taylor.

Laura Barron and Pat Quinn (here last month) return with "sweet harmonies and moving lyrics."

Produced by Friends of the New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA), this month's free outdoor concert is funded by FONDCA and grants from the City of Greenbelt, the Prince George's Arts Council and Prince George's County.



## Renovation Affects News Review Staff

News Review staffers are producing your weekly newspaper under difficult and trying circumstances. It is our turn to have our office windows restored as part of the Greenbelt Community Center historic preservation and restoration program. On Tuesday morning, our day for writing and editing, the window crew constructed a temporary wall reducing our space by a third. Most of our work spaces needed to be relocated and our computers rewired. While the window crew is working, thankfully not at the same time we do, everything needs to be covered to protect it from dust. With the new wall, the office has lost its access to central air conditioning. The city has installed a temporary water-cooled unit which is trying to do its best, supplemented by a few fans.

Construction is expected to last for two months. During that period, the many volunteers who produce this paper will do their best to continue to bring you news about the city and city events.

## Proposed Absentee Ballot Changes Require Amendment

by Mary Moien

The Greenbelt City Council proposed a significant expansion to the absentee ballot regulations at the June 20 council meeting. This change will be voted on at the July 11 city council meeting and Mayor Judith Davis encouraged all who have an interest in this topic to attend that meeting.

Under the proposed expanded absentee voting, any qualified city voter may vote absentee either by mail or in person at the city clerk's office without providing an excuse or reason. Currently a resident must prove that going to the polls on election day is impossible by reason of religious beliefs, physical condition or absence from the city on the day of an election.

The change had already been discussed at the June 6 city council meeting. However, several steps are necessary to its passage. City Manager Michael

McLaughlin indicated that the city charter would need modification so that the change, if approved, must be passed in July to allow time for the necessary process to permit the new absentee ballot regulations before this fall's elections. See City Information ad on page 5.

State law requires changes to the city charter to be advertised to the public for their input and comments. This advertising would take place in August.

### Correction

In the June 30 article on City Council review of Springhill Lake plans, the name of Ethan Bindernagel, the city's newest full-time planner, was misspelled. The News Review regrets the error.

## Warning! Telephone Scam in Greenbelt

A telephone scam has surfaced again in the Greenbelt area. If someone calls about "updating records," be sure to write down the name of the caller and the company represented.

If the caller won't be absolutely clear on that information, hang up.

Never give out personal information or any account numbers over the telephone unless placing the call to a legitimate representative of the company. Call the non-emergency police number at 301-474-7200 with any concerns and give them the caller's name.

## Letters

### Failure to Scoop Causes Injury

To the person who either allowed his/her large dog to run free or who neglected to clean up after the dog who fouled the slope in front of 8-L Plateau Place on Sunday, June 19 – the following are the direct results of your unlawful and thoughtless actions:

Coming down the slope from my parking area, I slipped in the mess, fell and broke my ankle in two places. (Let's get the hilarity over with. This event will provide many laughs in my family for many years; remember when Mom . . . .) However the excruciating pain and interruptions of many plans are not so funny.

I went to the hospital by ambulance accompanied by my 10-year-old grandson who was upset by the spectacle of his grandmother immobilized on the ground.

Numerous plans have had to be cancelled because I have not been able to attend.

The first doctor whom I consulted did not set the ankle correctly and I had to find another orthopedist.

Coming down the steps from my parking area, I lost my balance due to another medical condition and fell against an iron railing, painfully bruising or fracturing a rib.

Family members and friends have had to alter their plans and were inconvenienced in order to assist me since I live alone.

I realize that cleaning up after one's dog is not the most positive aspect of caring for one's companion animal. I have two Bichon Frises and always carry plastic bags when walking them. (It will be weeks before my two little kids will have a walk with their Mom.) It is our responsibility to the community to clean up after our dogs because of the negative health effects of leaving their messes.

One very positive outcome has been the outpouring of support, help and care of many neighbors and friends. 8 Court Plateau Place is truly amazing. And the Catholic Community of Greenbelt is a faithful witness to what it means to be "community."

Angela Miotto

## Public Safety Committee Raises a List of Issues

by Jennifer Sciubba

On Wednesday, June 22 the Greenbelt City Council held a worksession with the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) on the safety issues of window guards, needed crosswalks and towing regulations. The first issue addressed was that of PSAC's recommendation that guards be placed over certain windows to prevent children from accidentally falling out. The report was prompted by several unfortunate incidents at Springhill Lake involving accidental falls of toddlers from windows. Chairperson Silke Pope noted that though the issue had fizzled when it was raised several years ago, the proposed rebuilding of Springhill Lake could provide the perfect opportunity to reintroduce the issue and allow for safeguards to be included in the planning.

Though the council was generally sympathetic to the issue, Mayor Judith Davis expressed the need for more information on guard options and comparable ordinances in other municipalities. Several members also noted that an ordinance might be impractical since Springhill Lake seemed to be the only Greenbelt community with such a problem.

**Crosswalks**

The second item on the agenda was PSAC's proposal that several crosswalks be installed in Greenbelt East. Several councilmembers supported crosswalks. In addition, they wanted one at Edmonston Road, which many school-age children frequent.

The final item on the agenda was PSAC and community concern over towing practices in Greenbelt. Council was tasked last year to address the problem by disgruntled citizens in several public forums. Many citizens are concerned about price gouging and overzealous towing by the towing companies. As Davis pointed out, however, the debate brings up the sticky issue of public versus private property – what rules can the City of Greenbelt legally enforce against towing companies and properties that call for cars to be towed away?

Council and city representatives concluded that the best course of action would be to hope that the upcoming Prince George's County legislation on towing practices passes, negating the need for Greenbelt's own policy which would be difficult to pass or enforce.

Specifically, the county legislation would take care of complaints about irregular towing company fees; clarify that owners who arrive after their car has been hooked to the tow truck but before it has been towed away have the right to have the vehicle unhooked for a nominal fee and require towing companies to accept credit cards and money orders in addition to cash. PSAC, council and city representatives concluded that making information on rights of vehicle owners more readily available would also alleviate some of the problem.

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DEADLINES: Letters, articles and ads—10 p.m. Tuesday. Materials for publication may be mailed to address above, deposited in our box in the Co-op grocery store (by 7 p.m. Tuesday) or brought to our office in the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, during office hours. Mail subscriptions—\$35/year.

Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.  
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

## HEY! WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?



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COMMUNITY MEDIATION BOARD



# Community Events

## Windsor Green Elects Board

At the June 21 annual meeting and election of Windsor Green Homeowners Association the following people were elected to serve two years on the board of directors: Randall Evans, Sheldon Goldberg and John Kerich. An organizational meeting was held June 28 to elect officers. The 2005-2006 officers are: Derek Thompson, president; Sheldon Goldberg, first vice president; Randall Evans, second vice president; John Kerich, treasurer; and Vicki Focht, secretary.

Meetings of the Windsor Green Board of Directors are held at 8 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Windsor Green Community Center, 7474 Frankfort Drive. Homeowners and residents are encouraged to attend.

## Astronomy Club Has New Name

At the June 30 meeting, the organization formerly known as the Greenbelt Astronomy Club decided to change the group's name to the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt.

## Greenbelt Video Is Out of Business

Greenbelt Video in Roosevelt Center is closing. Every Saturday and Sunday in July from 1 to 7 p.m., the store will open to sell its stock of DVDs, videos and furnishings.

## Greenbelt Elem. PTA Board Meets

The Greenbelt Elementary School PTA will hold a board meeting on Tuesday, July 12 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Media Center of the school. All are welcome to attend. No child care will be available.

## Greenbelt Seniors Split Two Games

Greenbelt Seniors softball team split its last two games of the season's first half in the Baltimore Beltway league, coming out ahead of last year's pace with seven wins so far. They beat Bowie Gold 14-1 on June 29, with Sterling Tropp pitching, then rallied against Bowie Bronze on July 5 but lost 8-6, as Dave Kerr led Greenbelt with two hits and a walk.

## At the Library

**Children**  
Tuesday, July 12, 10:30 a.m. – Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver. Limit 15 babies.  
Wednesday, July 13, 10:30 a.m. – Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver. Limit 15.  
2 p.m. – Stevens Puppets: "The Wizard of Oz," preschool to age 12.  
Thursday, July 14, 10:30 a.m. – Drop-in Storytime, ages 3 to 5 years. Limit 20.  
**Adults**  
Saturday, July 9, 10:30 a.m. to noon – Poetry Plus Club. Topic: Animals/Insects – Billy Collins' poetry.  
Wednesday, July 13, 7 p.m. – Friends of the Greenbelt Library meeting.

## Co-op Seeks News Of Missing Members

The Greenbelt Consumer Co-operative is trying to locate missing members as the end of the fiscal year approaches. Having correct addresses enables the Co-op to send patronage refund vouchers, 1099 Forms and other important information to its members.  
Anyone who has information concerning the people named in the missing member list in the ad on page 12 is asked to contact the membership office at the Co-op with the relevant corrections. In those cases where the member has died, the Co-op must have a death certificate on file before any further changes are made to the account.  
For further information call the store office at 301-474-0522.

## Cash It or Lose It – Your Co-op Voucher

Joe Timer, Co-op treasurer, is urging any members of the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket who have not yet used their Co-op refund voucher to use it or cash it by the end of the month. All 2004 Patronage Refund Vouchers expire July 31, the end of the Co-op's fiscal year. He pointed out that the vouchers were mailed to members in early December 2004.

## GHI Notes

Wednesday, July 13, 7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee, Lunch Room.

## Greenbelt Park Needs Jr. Rangers

Children 8 to 12 years old are invited to become Greenbelt Park 2005 Junior Rangers.  
Greenbelt Park is an 1,100-acre forest featuring 10 miles of trails, picnic areas and a campground. Junior Rangers will participate in environmental education, field trips and become stewards of the National Park Service.  
Applications for the 2005 Junior Ranger program are available at Park Headquarters and the Ranger Station near the campground. Pre-registration is required. Approved applicants will be contacted.  
The next session is Tuesday, July 19 through Friday, July 22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The deadline for applications is Wednesday, July 13.  
The Web Ranger application is available at [nps.gov/webrangers](http://nps.gov/webrangers) or [nps.gov/gree](http://nps.gov/gree) under the "For Kids" link. For more information call 301-344-3944.

## Greens to Hold Monthly Meeting

The Greenbelt Greens will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, July 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the public meeting room inside the Greenbelt police station at the corner of Ridge and Crescent Roads.  
Agenda topics include the upcoming 2005 municipal elections, a report from the July statewide Coordinating Council meeting, local environmental action updates (anti-ICC, Indian Creek) and peace actions. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.  
For more information call Bob at 202-722-4303.

## Next Star Party To Be on Saturday

Weather permitting, the Greenbelt Astronomy Club (GAC) will host a star party on Saturday, July 9 at Wolfe Fields on Northway extended, to begin at 8:30 p.m.  
Telescopes will be available to share views of celestial objects.  
Future GAC events can be found online at <http://www.greenbeltastro.org/events.shtml>. If it rains or there are hopelessly cloudy skies, the star party will be cancelled without further notice.

## New Deal Café Calls Special Meeting

The New Deal Café is calling all its members to a special meeting on Sunday, July 17 at 7 p.m. in the café. The Board has accepted an offer to lease the video store space (see related story). The main agenda of the meeting is the cost of improvements to the kitchen and customer space. Only New Deal Café members may vote on important financial decisions but the meeting is open to anyone interested in seeing sketches and hearing about ideas for the expansion.  
A members-only potluck will precede the meeting, starting at 5:30 p.m. A sign-up sheet for the potluck is at the café or members may call 301-806-8796 or visit [newdealcafe.com](http://newdealcafe.com).

## Reading Program Available at Library

by Beth Novick, GES  
Part of the Accelerated Reading Program will be available at the local public library this summer and throughout the school year. The librarians have agreed to cross-reference the books that are part of the Accelerated Reading program at Greenbelt Elementary School (GES). Ask to see the binder kept at the children's information desk.  
So read accelerated reading books this summer, keep a list of the books read and return to school in August ready to take the tests. There will be some type of follow-up for students who participate in the program. Teachers and Principal Kathy Curl will acknowledge student efforts. In addition, the books read will count toward the number of books assigned for the 2005-2006 school year. When looking for enjoyable books, start with the reading level achieved last year and go from there.

OLD GREENBELT  
THEATRE  
Week of JULY 8  
LADIES IN LAVENDER  
(PG-13)  
Friday  
\*5:20, 7:30, 9:35  
Saturday  
\*1:00, \*3:10, \*5:20, 7:30, 9:35  
Sunday  
\*1:00, \*3:10, \*5:20, 7:30  
Monday - Thursday  
\*5:20, 7:30  
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301-474-9744 • 301-474-9745  
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# Festival Notes

A bake sale will be held as a festival fundraiser on Saturday, July 9 outside the Co-op. Also available are raffle tickets for Co-op groceries and for a 50/50 drawing. Winners for both raffles will be drawn on Monday, September 5. Order Gianni pizzas, dessert items and purchase a limited-edition commemorative T-shirt. A festival yard sale is planned for Saturday, July 30. Call Patti Brothers at 301-982-2312 for details.

**Miss Greenbelt**  
There are still openings for all three categories – Miss Greenbelt (ages 14-19), Junior Miss Greenbelt (ages 11-13) and Little Miss Greenbelt (ages 7-10) – for the Miss Greenbelt Pageant. Call Natasha Jewell at 301-352-8665 or Kathy Patsas at 301-352-9853. For more details visit the website at [www.missgreenbelt.com](http://www.missgreenbelt.com).

**Carnival Booths**  
Carnival booths are available to all community groups, offering them the opportunity to earn income and alert festival-goers to their activities. Booths must be staffed all weekend – Friday through Monday. For information call John or Gloria Winfrey at 301-345-3794.

**Information Day**  
Groups wishing to share information about their cause, mission or product (no sales are permitted) can do so during Information Day on Saturday, September 3. Call Dave Pitts at 301-345-9605.

**Craft Show**  
A craft show will take place Sunday, September 4 in Roosevelt Center. Call Patti Brothers for information.

**Talent Show**  
Juggle, dance, sing or do magic tricks at the talent show on September 3 at 6 p.m. Call Dennis Lewis at 301-577-1718.


**Parade**  
Parade applications are available on the festival website and are being collected by email at [lindaivy@aol.com](mailto:lindaivy@aol.com).

**Outstanding Citizen**  
Nominations for 2005 Outstanding Citizen can be submitted to Bob Zugby, 94 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

**Contributions**  
Area businesses wishing to contribute to the festival should call Patti Brothers. Contributors receive public acknowledgment in festival materials.


**Volunteers**  
Volunteers are needed to assist in all festival areas. Consider staffing the ticket booth, the shuttle bus or the information booth.

**Website**  
The festival website is [www.greenbelt.com/laborday](http://www.greenbelt.com/laborday). The site is updated regularly and already sports the weekend's tentative schedule, lists of contributors and activity status.  
**Next Meeting**  
The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center.



Greenbelt Baptist Church will hold its "Ramblin' Road Trip" Vacation Bible School for kids in Grades K-6 on July 11-15, 2005, from 6:15-8:45 p.m. The Church is located at the corner of Crescent and Greenhill Roads in Greenbelt, Md. To pre-register for this free event, call the church office at 301-474-4212 or register on our website at <http://www.greenbeltbaptist.org>.

5th Annual  
Festival of  
the Song  
Saturday, July 16, 10:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Outdoors in Roosevelt Center,  
8:30 to 11 p.m. inside Café  
Free Concert featuring regional songwriters  
(inside Café in case of prolonged rain).  
Produced by Friends of New Deal Café Arts with additional funding from the City of Greenbelt,  
Prince George's County and the Prince George's County Arts Council



**PRELIMINARY AGENDA**  
**MEETING OF THE**  
**GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Thursday, July 14, 2005**  
**GHI BOARD ROOM**  
**7:30 PM**  
**Key Agenda Items:**

- Yardline Pilot Project Update
- Creation of Ad Hoc Committee to Study 2005 Sustainable Designs
- Community Beautification
- Program Report on First Round of Inspections
- Newsletter Survey to members

Regular board meetings are open to members.



## Farewell to a Public Servant

On Saturday, June 25, 2005, thousands of friends and fellow officers joined with family members to lay to rest Sgt. Steven F. Gaughan. The Prince George's County Police officer was killed in the line of duty on June, 21, 2005. The photos below recaptured those moments. Gaughan was well loved by the Greenbelt community and will be greatly missed.



PHOTO BY PAM LAMBIRO

A motorcade led the family out of Greenbelt enroute to the funeral which was held at Riverdale Baptist Church in Largo.



PHOTO BY TOM CARTER

The funeral procession poured forth from the church; leading the way were bagpipers.



PHOTO BY TOM CARTER

Family members include Gaughan's wife Donna, daughter Rachael, son Daniel and Donna's parents Dan and Betty Franklin. Accompanying Donna is Lt. John Hipps from the Prince George's County Police Department.



PHOTO BY TOM CARTER

Thousands of fellow officers paid their respects, including PFC Rock, Prince George's County Police Department.



Congratulations to Abigail Bradshaw Bates, selected by the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg for "Honors Admission" for the fall of 2005. Bates is the daughter of Richard and Dorothy Bates and granddaughter of James Bates, all of Greenbelt. She is a 2005 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Each year the University of Mary Washington offers "Honors Admission" to students who apply early and who have an outstanding high school performance record and SAT scores.

A member of the National Honor Society, Bates has been the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education's Student of the Year. She received the Maryland Distinguished Scholar Certificate of Honorable Mention and has been nominated to attend the National Youth Leaders Organization Conference. She has consistently been named to the honor roll and was a member of the Spanish Honor Society, the Chamber Choir and Christians in Action. She is an active horseback rider and volunteers as a tutor in the community.

Delegate Justin Ross has announced that the following Greenbelt residents have been awarded scholarships for the 2005-2006 academic year: Stephen Baur, Anna Emembolu, Rebecca Fletcher, Janique Freeman, Kathryn Gill, Lucille Gorman, Cory Holland, Blessing Ohameje, Leanna Powell, Dominick Robles, Regina Scott, Jacqueline Tull and Carolyn Coleman.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Ellen Fineran, 49 Court Ridge, who is recuperating from a second round of spinal cord surgery at Johns Hopkins.



**Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS**

Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church  
3215 Powder Mill Road,  
Beltsville/Adelphi (301-937-3666)  
*Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community*  
July 10, 10 a.m.  
"Eat, Drink and CommUOne"  
by Marilyn Straczuk  
with Nancy Boardman, worship assoc.  
Summer fun for children at 10 a.m.



Barbara Wells ten Hove,  
Jacob B. ten Hove,  
co-ministers


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—Baha'i Sacred Writings

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301-474-9410 [www.gbgbm-umc.org/mowatt](http://www.gbgbm-umc.org/mowatt)



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Dr. Mark Johnson, Pastor



New Summer Schedule (starting July 3)  
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Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.  
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.  
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.  
Pastor: Fr. Walter J. Tappe  
Pastoral Associate: Fr. R. Scott Hurd

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Hillside & Crescent Roads  
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— The Holy Qur'an, 2:164

That was the timeless message sent down to the Prophet Muhammed (peace be upon him) nearly 1400 years ago. For more information about Islam, call 301-982-9463 or e-mail [searchislam@mail.om](mailto:searchislam@mail.om) or visit [www.learnaboutislam.com](http://www.learnaboutislam.com)



# ELECTIONS

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Putens urged Mach to hold fast to 300 feet and then announced that he was sticking with her.

Councilmember Konrad Herling said he had been out at the various polling places looking at what the various distances meant. He found that it depended on which polling place you were at as to the distance that would be okay. His preference was for 125 feet.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts said that there was significant decrease in activity around the polling places. “My first time [as a candidate] there were people all around the polls. You could tell there was an election going on,” he said. He was willing to go with 100 feet. However, he was willing to compromise at 125 feet.

Roberts and Herling sought another vote for 125 feet. Putens and Mach stood fast at 300 feet. Davis hoped council would come together at 150 feet.


Gallagher was told to prepare separate ordinances for council to consider on July 11.

**Critical Area Tours Of Chesapeake Bay**

On Sundays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. through the summer see some of the most beautiful scenery in Prince George’s County while enjoying the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Tour at the Patuxent River Park, 16000 Croom Airport Road, Upper Marlboro.

The free, self-guided, four-mile tour connects Patuxent River Park with Merkle Wildlife Sanctuary and features interpretive stops, observation towers and a wooden bridge across the marsh.

For information call 301-627-6074, TTY 301-699-2544.



**Bi-weekly Tour Of Bartholdi Park**

Explore Bartholdi Park at the U.S. Botanic Garden in Washington on Tuesday, July 12 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Stroll through the park, learn how summer flourishes in this home landscape demonstration garden and gather gardening tips.

Free tours will be led by Robert Pritchard, garden supervisor, or Hawsie Nash, garden volunteer. Space is limited. Tours are cancelled if it rains. Pre-registration is recommended. Call 202-225-8333.

The U.S. Botanic Garden is located at 100 Maryland Ave., S.W., west of the U.S. Capitol.

**Arboretum Shows Japanese Sogetsu**

Experience the avant-garde style of Japanese flower arranging known as Sogetsu, which often includes unusual plant materials and objects.

This free exhibit in the National Bonsai & Penjing Museum of the U.S. National Arboretum features area teachers and their students and will be held July 9 through 17, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. A demonstration will be held from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on July 17.

Visit [www.wusna.usda.gov](http://www.wusna.usda.gov) or call 202-245-4523 for more information.



# City Information



## GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL

**Municipal Building Regular Meeting**  
**July 11, 2005 - 8:00 p.m.**

### COMMUNICATIONS

#### Presentations

MML Award for Excellence – Assistance-in-Living Program

**Petitions and Requests** (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

\* **Committee Reports** (Items on the Consent Agenda marked by \* will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)

Advisory Planning Board, Interim Report (Springhill Lake Conceptual Site Plan)

Park & Recreation Advisory Board, Report #05-02 (McDonald Field Lights)

### LEGISLATION

A Resolution of the City of Greenbelt Adopted Pursuant to the Authority of Article 11E of the Constitution of Maryland and Section 13 of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1957 Edition as Amended), Title, “Corporation-Municipal,” Subtitle “Home Rule” to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt Found, in Whole or in Part, in the Compilation of Municipal Charters of Maryland (1983 Edition as Amended), as Prepared by the Department of Legislative Reference Pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1983, by Repealing and Reenacting with Amendments Section 27, Titled “Absentee Voting” (Charter Amendment Resolution #2005-1) (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Adoption)

A Resolution to Repeal Resolution 971 and to Establish Admission Fees and Pass Rates for the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center, Effective September 6, 2005 (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Adoption)

A Resolution to Support a County Tax Increment Financing District for Greenbelt Station (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Adoption)

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 14, “Planning and Development,” of the Greenbelt City Code by Adding a New Article IV for the Purpose of Establishing Fees for the Review of Planning and Zoning Applications (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 18, “Streets and Sidewalks,” of the Greenbelt City Code for the Purpose of Revising Section 18-48, “Fees,” to Provide for Reimbursement to the City for the Cost of the Review and Approval of Plans Associated with Construction Work Within the City Right-of-Way (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 8, “Elections,” of the Greenbelt City Code, in Order to Revise Section 8-4, “Absentee Voting” and Section 8-10, “Literature,” and to Update and Clarify Other Language in the Chapter (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 8, “Elections,” of the Greenbelt City Code, for the Purpose of Changing the Distance from a Polling Place Within Which It Is Unlawful to Conduct Electioneering Activities on an Election Day (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

A Resolution to Repeal Resolution Number 965 and to Provide for the Number of Judges and Clerks of Election, Their Rate of Compensation, and the Rate of Compensation to Be Paid to the Chairperson and Members of the Board of Elections for the 2005 Regular Election (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Certain Goods and Services from Various Vendors as Enumerated Herein When Total Fiscal Year Purchases from Each Vendor Exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

### OTHER BUSINESS

- Proposed Amendment to County’s Metro Planned Community Approval Requirements Related to Greenbelt Station (CB 36-2005)
- Conceptual Site Plan – Springhill Lake
- \* ■ Adoption of Board of Appeals Resolutions
- \* ■ Resignations from Advisory Group

### MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail [kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov) to reach the City Clerk.

### Meetings for July 11-15

**Monday, July 11, 7:00pm, Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee, Community Center.**

**Monday, July 11, 8:00pm, Regular Council Meeting, Municipal Building. (Live on Channel 71)**

**Wednesday, July 13, 8:00pm, Council Work Session, re: Capital Projects/Travel Reimbursement Policy, Community Center.**

### OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

**Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups. Vacancies exist on the:**

- Advisory Committee on Education**
- Employee Relations Board**
- Park and Recreation Advisory Board**

*For more information, please call 301-474-8000.*

### GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER

**The GAFC will host swim meets on the following Saturdays.**

**July 9, July 23 and July 30.**



**The Outdoor Pool will open at 1:00pm on these days.**

### GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER



### Weekday Children’s Swimming Lessons

#### SUMMER SESSION III

**July 12 – 15 and July 19 – 22**

**Passholders and Residents Register:**  
**Saturday, July 9**

**Open Registration:**

**Sunday, July 10 & Monday, July 11**

**Register in person at the GAFC between 9:00am and 2:00pm ONLY!!**

### Adult Water Classes and Adult Swim Lessons

**Session Dates: July 18 – August 12**

**Open Registration: July 6 – until classes are filled**  
**FOR INFORMATION ON CLASSES, VISIT [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)**

### DONATION DROP-OFF

#### American Rescue Workers

**Saturday, July 9th**

**9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon**

**Parking lot between the City Office and the Community Center**

*The American Rescue Workers accepts donations of usable household goods (clothing, furniture, small appliances, curtains, towels, bedding, books, puzzles and toys.)*

For further information contact the City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8303.

**Volunteer Maryland Coordinator** – Volunteer Maryland, an AmeriCorps program of the Governor’s Office is providing an opportunity for the City of Greenbelt to hire a Volunteer Maryland Coordinator (VMC). The VMC will be responsible for developing policies and procedures, conducting orientation for new volunteers and responsible for volunteer supervision of new programs. This is a part-time, one year position as a member of AmeriCorps. A living allowance of \$6,500 and a post-service education benefit of \$2,362 will be provided. Applicants must be at least 17 years of age, high school diploma or GED, US citizen or permanent resident alien and must have experience working with seniors. Closing date: August 12, 2005. EOE. For application call 301-474-1872 or visit website at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov).

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		Hormel Cooked Meat Entrees Assorted	\$4 <sup>99</sup> 17 oz.
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		Fresh In-Store Baked Organic Italian Flat Bread 20 oz.
		Fresh In-Store Baked Cuisine-De-France French Boule 12 oz.

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Shurfine Pasta Sauces 26 oz.	Wishbone Family Size Salad Dressings Assorted 16 oz.	Lucky Leaf Apple Juice 64 oz.	Thomas Original English Muffins 6 Pk.
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# POLICE BLOTTER

*Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department.  
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.*

### Robberies

June 25, 12:40 p.m., Greenway Center, a worker at Greenway Beauty Supply reported that a man entered the store through the rear delivery door. He produced a handgun, announced a robbery and after unsuccessfully attempting to open the safe, fled the area on foot. The suspect is described as a black male, approximately 23 years of age, 5'7", 200 pounds, wearing a mask or bandana over his face.

June 30, 10 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, a woman reported that she was walking to a friend's apartment when she was approached from behind by four men, one armed with a handgun. She was forced into a laundry room where her wallet and cellular telephone were taken. She was not injured. The suspects are described as four black males in their twenties, all 5'7" to 6'; two had black hair and brown eyes and were wearing white T-shirts and blue jeans. One was wearing a black T-shirt and the fourth man had black hair in dreadlocks, wearing a black T-shirt with the words "all days" on it.

July 1, 12:05 a.m., 6200 block Springhill Court, a man reported that he was walking to a residence when he was approached by three other men. One produced a handgun and announced a robbery; the other two went through his pockets and took his wallet. The suspects then fled the area on foot. They are described as three black males in their twenties, 5'9" to 6', wearing dark clothing.

### Sexual Assault

June 25, 11:23 p.m., 9200 block Edmonston Road, a woman reported that she and two other persons were approached by a man (possibly a youth) who displayed a handgun and forced her into the nearby woods. The two other persons attempted to intervene but ran from the area when the man pointed the gun at them. He then sexually assaulted the victim and fled the area. The suspect is described as a black male in his teens, 5'9" with a medium build, wearing a black shirt and blue jeans.

### Assaults

June 25, 6:18 p.m., Roosevelt

Center, a petition was filed for second degree assault on a non-resident youth after she allegedly assaulted another youth during a verbal dispute.

June 30, 10:33 p.m., Springhill Court and Edmonston Road, a man reported that he approached a vehicle in a parking lot and asked the occupants to turn the car radio down. The three occupants exited the vehicle and assaulted the man, punching him several times. The suspects then fled the area in the vehicle, described as a gold-colored older model compact car, possibly a Toyota Camry. They are described as three Latino males, 20 to 30 years of age. The man declined treatment for minor injuries.

### Handgun

June 25, 7:25 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Drive, a man reported that he was in the living room of his residence when he noticed another man who had apparently entered the room through the open sliding glass door. The suspect threatened to kill the resident and showed him a gun in his waistband. He then fled the scene, getting into a vehicle described as a beige 4-door bearing unknown Michigan tags. He is described as a Latino male, 6' tall with black hair and wearing a white shirt and blue jeans.

### DWI

June 28, 6:05 a.m., Lakecrest Drive and Lakecrest Circle, a resident man was arrested and charged with driving while impaired, driving under the influence and negligent driving as a result of the investigation of a single car accident. He was released on citations pending trial.

### Open Alcohol

June 25, 3:07 a.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of an open alcoholic beverage in public after he was observed with an open bottle of wine in an apartment parking lot. He was released on citation pending trial.

### Burglaries

June 24, 4:37 p.m., 100 block Westway, it was reported that unknown person(s) entered the residence by way of the unlocked sliding glass door. A video game player was taken.

## Police Investigating SHL Fatal Accident

On Tuesday, July 5 at approximately 6 p.m., officers responded to a report of a single car accident in the 6100 block of Greenbelt Road.

Preliminary investigation revealed that the victim, Stephen Iren Sokol, 49, of Greenbelt, was driving a 1993 Cadillac Sedan de Ville south on Edmonston Road at Breezewood Drive when he apparently lost control of his vehicle, striking the curb several times. The vehicle then turned onto westbound Greenbelt Road and left the roadway, coming to rest after striking an utility pole.

Sokol was transported to Prince George's Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. Investigation is continuing.

July 1, 6:46 p.m., 14 court Ridge Road, a woman reported that the night before at approximately 10 p.m. she heard a loud banging noise. The next day she discovered that unknown person(s) had attempted to force open her front door, damaging it.

### Vehicle Crimes

Four vehicles were stolen: a blue 2003 Mitsubishi Lancer 4-door, Maryland tags KWB678 from the 6100 block Breezewood Court; a 2003 Nissan 2-door from the 6400 block Capitol Drive; a silver 1997 Ford Taurus 4-door, Maryland tags 11679CB from the 9100 block Edmonston Road; and a red 1998 Jeep Cherokee, Maryland tags 389M587 from the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace.

Three vehicles were recovered by Greenbelt police with no arrests made. One vehicle was recovered by the owner prior to its being reported stolen.

Theft from and attempted theft of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7500 block Mandan Road, 8000 block Mandan Road, 7700 block Hanover Parkway (three incidents), 16 court Ridge Road, 400 block Ridge Road (two incidents), 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive, 6100 block Breezewood Drive and 9000 block Breezewood Terrace (four incidents).

## Weed Warrior Days Are Here Again

Non-native invasive plants are threatening the wildlife of the National Wildlife Center. Volunteers are needed to help stop the alien invasion. Join the resistance on Sunday, July 10 at 10 a.m. at the National Wildlife Visitor Center or

on Wednesday, July 20 at 9:30 a.m. at the North Tract.

Wear long pants and long sleeves, bring gloves and hand gardening tools. For information visit <http://patuxent.fws.gov> or call 301-497-5886.



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**NEW LISTING**

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## Aneurysm Screenings Offered in Bowie

Doctors Community Hospital will provide free abdominal aortic aneurysm screenings for community residents on Wednesday, July 20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Bowie Senior Center, 14900 Health Center Drive, Bowie.

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) is an enlargement in the lining of the main artery leading from the heart through the abdomen. As the artery lining gets weaker due to age or other risk factors, the wall of the artery becomes thinner. An aneurysm can form in the weakened wall and rupture (or tear), causing serious internal bleeding. In fact, 80 percent of ruptured AAAs lead to death.

Most people with an AAA have no warning signs. People may be at risk if they are over 60 years of age, have cardiovascular disease, have pulmonary disease, have a family history of AAA or if they smoke. Screening can help detect AAA early so the disease can be treated before it leads to serious consequences.

Call 1-866-222-7283 to speak with a screening expert who can help to confirm positive risk factors and determine whether screening is appropriate. The AAA screening is painless, private and only takes about five minutes. Screenings are by appointment only.

## Sing about Insects At Wildlife Center

The Patuxent Research Refuge in Laurel will feature a free youth concert by environmental song and dance man "Billy B," on July 14 from 2 to 3 p.m. in the National Wildlife Visitor Center auditorium. Seating is limited and guests will be accommodated on a first-come basis. The concert focuses on insects and pollinators, in conjunction with a week-long "Geo-Camp" sponsored by the National Geographic Society and others. Both the camp and the concert target 4th and 5th grade students. The facility is located off Powder Mill Road south of Laurel.

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# GIVES Annual Meeting Carried Over to July 16

by Virginia Beauchamp

Important business had to be carried over into a new special meeting for GIVES (the Greenbelt Volunteer Exchange Service) when certain items at the annual meeting on June 11 could not be brought to a conclusion. The new meeting will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 16 in the Community Center.

The first item will be election of a new chair and secretary for the 2005-2006 term. Although no firm nominations were presented at the June meeting for the two positions, Vice Chair Judith Davis expected to be able to make nominations for both posts at the forthcoming meeting in July. In the meantime John Taylor and Ruth Huggins both agreed to continue in their current respective positions for another month.

The other major item will be continuation of a general free-wheeling discussion of the future of GIVES. Over the last 12 years since the organization was created, a number of members have died or have moved away – a not unlikely circumstance for an organization founded to provide mutual assistance for a primarily senior citizen population.

### New Members

On the other hand, several new and younger members have recently joined the organization and are expected to help in increasing its vitality. No one at the June 11 session wanted to call it quits for the organiza-

tion, which all present felt fulfills a vital role, making it possible for many Greenbelt residents to continue living in their own homes.

One of these new members is Dale Jacobson who, though unable to attend the June meeting, has taken on the important post as office manager for the organization. The telephone in the GIVES office space in the Senior Lounge of the Community Center is also fully staffed for the two hours each morning when those in attendance can schedule work-exchange arrangements.

These exchanges are the organization's reason for being. Someone who needs a ride to a medical appointment, for example, may perhaps earn hours to exchange for that service by making telephone calls for the organization or by staffing the office.

Currently the following are regularly scheduled for office duty from 10 a.m. to noon: Monday, Shirley Dwyer; Tuesday, Jean Bozzi; Wednesday, Dale Jacobson or Demitri Nader; Thursday, Ruth Huggins or Remeta Duckett; and Friday, Pearl Siegel. Two other members regularly call other members with meeting reminders and birthday greetings – Dorothea Leslie and Mary Hooper.

### Bylaw Change

One change in the bylaws of GIVES was passed at the June meeting. When GIVES was cre-

### Senior Resource of the Month

## AARP Program Topic Is Money Management

The City of Greenbelt, in partnership with the AARP Foundation, will be offering money management services to Greenbelt seniors aged 60 and over and disabled adults aged 50 and over. The free program has two components.

In the first, AARP will train volunteers as "bill payers" to assist clients with limited incomes who are still in control of their financial affairs but need help organizing their bills and checkbooks. The bill payer helps the client to manage monthly income and expenditures, writes checks for the client to sign, assists the client with paperwork related to bill paying and assists in obtaining Medicare prescription drug coverage benefits.

ated, a bylaw was passed designating what remaining financial assets other organizations in the city would receive should GIVES ever disband. Now the purpose of the city's newly established GAIL program (Greenbelt Assistance in Living) so closely mirrors that of GIVES that it seemed the obvious choice to receive any of the latter's assets and the bylaws were changed to bring about this outcome.

Besides Mayor Davis, three other members of the Greenbelt City Council attended the June 11 meeting – Councilmembers Konrad Herling, Leta Mach and Edward Putens. These three, as well as Councilmember Rodney Roberts, all serve on the GIVES Advisory Board.

In the second, volunteers are trained by AARP as "volunteer representative payees" to serve people designated incapable of handling their own finances by the federal agency administering the benefit – usually the Social Security Administration. The representative payee maintains control over the benefits, signs all checks, spends the money to meet the current needs of the client and obtains Medicare prescription drug coverage benefits.

There are income and asset limitations on those receiving program services.

AARP provides insurance coverage of client funds, program policies, procedures and materials. Extensive training and technical assistance on program development and management is also provided. AARP recruits volunteers and reviews financial moni-

toring performed by the state and the City of Greenbelt.

The Money Management Services Program will also have an advisory committee with Attorney Karren Pope-Onwukwe and representatives from Greenbelt Homes, Inc.; Adult Evaluation and Review Services; the Department of Family Services Area Agency on Aging; the Social Security Administration; Bank of America; and Adult Protective Services.

The program started July 5 with a mailing from AARP to over 5,000 potential volunteers. Money Management Program participants are not required to join AARP. People who would like to volunteer as a bill payer or representative payee or who would like to receive money management services can call Christal Parker Batey at 301-345-6660, ext. 2012.

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## Historic Schoolhouse Hosts Saturday Tours

Historic Seabrook Schoolhouse, a one-room schoolhouse built in 1896, will be open for tours during special summer hours on Fridays, July 15 and 22 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 23 and Sunday, July 24. Admission for walk-in tours is free. Group tours are available by appointment for a fee. The schoolhouse is located at 6116 Seabrook Road in Seabrook. For information call 301-464-5291 or TTY 301-699-2544.

## Neighbors United Hosts Film Festival

Neighbors United for Justice and Peace will show the first film of a four-film festival on Saturday, July 9 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Joe's Movement Emporium, 3802 34th Street, Mt. Rainier.

"Outfoxed" by Robert Greenwald is a documentary taking issue with the Fox News' slogan "fair and balanced," which has been used on the network's 24-hour news programs since its launch in 1996. "Outfoxed" also comments on the media's role in a democracy. "Warp the media," Greenwald says, "and you warp the democratic process."

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# Greenbelt's Celebration: Three for the Fourth

## It Was a Glorious Fourth!

by James Giese

We celebrated Independence Day by going to the band concert and watching the fireworks at Buddy Attick Park following a busy day preparing for house guests arriving on the sixth. We were joined by our sister and brother-in-law and their son and family, all from Springfield, Va. They chose Greenbelt as the best place to watch fireworks, having been here before.

It was a perfect summer evening. Warm but not too hot. A nice gentle breeze blowing until sunset. A cloudless sky.

With some poor walkers among us, we decided to drive a car load to the parking lot at the park, reserved on that day for vehicles with handicap tags. Our tag got us a quick wave in by a police officer at the entrance where there were still plenty of spaces. On Crescent Road we would have had to park several blocks away.

We found a spot with a good view of the area where the fireworks are shot, off to the side of the band platform. It's been a few years since we've heard the band play on the Fourth. My first surprise was the quality of the sound, not only off to the side where we were but throughout the park. Sound master Kenny Voigt and his crew did a bang-up job with the audio.

I thought the band sounded great, one of its better performances. I particularly enjoyed the Tchaikovsky 1812 Overture, for some reason a must at all concerts at this time of the year. I didn't remember the big set of chimes toward the end of the piece. A great addition.

Most of the group also thought the band sounded great. However, our grandnephew, a middle school trumpet player, felt that his band did a much better job. He felt the pace under Director Tom Cherrix was too slow and that some of the instruments failed to come in together at the start of music lines. How he could tell, I'm not sure. He had his walkman stuck to his ears throughout the concert.

The fireworks began promptly at 9:15 p.m. and lasted the promised half-hour. The "Welcome to Greenbelt" set piece was a nice beginning and easy to read from across the lake. The crew had difficulty getting the American Flag set piece going, but eventually it looked fine. I thought it might had been better to have the flag at the end of the performance.

Comments were made as to the lack of other set pieces. I explained, however, the previous decision to spend more money on aerial rockets because many more people are able to see the rockets.

The public works crew did a fine job setting off the fireworks. There were few gaps and they were short. One beautiful burst followed another throughout the event. Everyone seemed to be really pleased with the show.

However, the finale was disappointing. In past years there were many more rockets involved in the

finale, not to mention multiple displays at other points in the show. I suspect the budget squeeze has had something to do with this. While maybe it wasn't the best show the city has put on, it was still a great one enjoyed by all.

We waited a while for the crowd to disperse before wending our way back to the parking lot. The path we chose no longer continues to the parking lot as a path as it once did. Instead, it becomes first grass and then part of the playground. The deep layer of mulch in the playground is better to play on than to walk on but we made it.

We waited a few minutes in the van for a break in the line headed toward the park exit before we got into it. After a few starts and stops we were directed toward Kenilworth Avenue. Both lanes of Crescent were filled with cars heading in the same direction. The Greenbelt police were doing a good job of getting all the cars out of there.

I made a mistake by not continuing toward Kenilworth. Instead, we turned north onto Ridge Road past the police station. We crawled along, blocked a couple times by cars making U-turns out of their parking spaces and delayed at stop signs. We turned onto Ivy Lane, then left onto Lastner Lane and then up the hill to Ridge. It was slow going there, too. On Southway traffic was backed up past Green Ridge House. We noticed that many walkers had reached their destinations well ahead of us, including those of our party who chose to walk instead of ride.

The grand finale was angel food cake, strawberries and whipped topping, courtesy of our sister Charlene. What a way to end a glorious Fourth.



PHOTO BY JAMES GIESE



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Above, the Greenbelt Concert Band directed by Tom Cherrix played patriotic songs throughout the evening.



PHOTO BY BILL CORNETT

At left, workers string together displays in preparation for the light show to come.



### Ohs and Ahs

The fireworks display started with a welcome to Greenbelt sign alongside the American flag, followed by brilliant white lights that seemed like a thousand sparklers exploding simultaneously.

Big boomers with red, blue, orange, green, white and various combinations of colors went off, sometimes three, four or five at a time. Others crackled and sizzled as the colors faded. One unusual set ended with long orange streamers falling nearly to earth.

The grand finale was shorter than usual but quite spectacular with the traditional fanfare of noise and light. After about 25 minutes it took a minute to realize the display was over.

Thank you public works for another fine show.

— Judy Bell

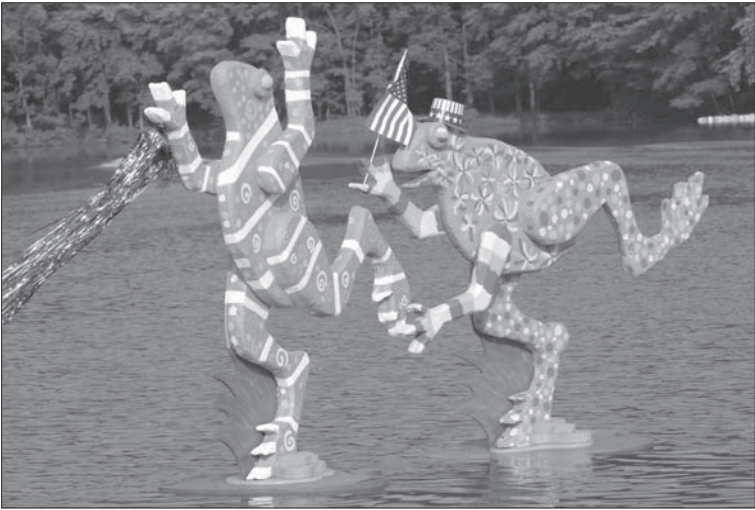


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The Creative Kids Kamp painted frogs which floated on the lake.

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### Kudos to Public Works Department

To get Buddy Attick Lake Park ready for the 4th of July fireworks extravaganza, the city's Public Works Department crew always spreads gravel on the lake path's surface to "fill in tripping hazards." The crew also removed low limbs from trees, eradicated poison ivy and installed protective fencing at the park entrance. Around the parking lot they pruned and mulched the buffer strip of white pines.

Broken planks were replaced on two benches, a trash can added along the path and a missing sign for the group picnic area replaced.

During the event, public works crews assisted with fireworks displays and monitored crowd activities along with Greenbelt Police and members of the Recreation Department.

Cleanup after the event begins almost immediately. Then, early the next morning the big cleanup began in earnest. Litter was the biggest job, on nearby city streets as well. Temporary fencing was removed and plantings nurtured. By afternoon on July 5 one hardly knew the big event had taken place in Greenbelt — except for the memory.

— Kathie Jarva

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